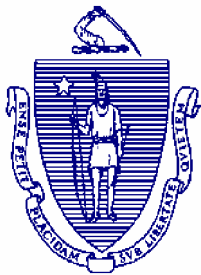


Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, December 2005



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

EOPS Funding Opportunities

Disproportionate Minority Contact Assessment Study

Application Deadline: January 13, 2006

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety is making available up to \$100,000 for a study aimed at assessing the causes of Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) in Massachusetts. DMC refers to the overrepresentation minority youth in the juvenile justice system. The purpose of the assessment study is to uncover the causes of DMC in the Commonwealth in order to develop strategies to address them. There will be a bidders' conference on December 14, 2005 at 2:00 PM in the Ashburton Cafe's Conference & Function Room, John W. McCormack State Office Building, One Ashburton Place, Boston. To RSVP for the bidders' conference please contact Kelly Robichaud, kelly.robichaud@state.ma.us at 617-725-3303. For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding [click on Justice and Education](#)

Other Funding Opportunities

Grants to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women On Campus

Letter of Intent Deadline: December 16, 2005

Application Deadline: January 19, 2006

"The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), a component of the U.S. Department of Justice, is making funding available to develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women on campuses. The Campus Program also aims to strengthen security and investigative strategies to prevent and prosecute violent crimes against women on campuses."

For more information: <http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/fy2006campussolicitationfinal.pdf>

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Legal Assistance for Victims Grant

Letter of Intent Deadline: December 27, 2005

Application Deadline: January 24, 2006

“The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is offering funding through the Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program. The goal of the grant is to increase the availability of legal assistance necessary to provide effective aid to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of that abuse or violence.”

For more Information: <http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/ovwfy2006legalassistanceforvictimssolicitation.pdf>

Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management (CASOM)

Application Deadline: December 29, 2005

“The Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management (CASOM)

Discretionary Grant Program assists state, local, and tribal jurisdictions in improving their adult and juvenile sex offender management policies and practices by critically examining existing approaches to managing the population; identifying significant gaps and needs; and developing strategies to address the needs. Eligible jurisdictions may submit a CASOM application in one of three categories:

Category I: Implementation Grants

Category II: Training Grants

Category III: Enhancement Grants”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/06CASOMsol.pdf>

Sexual Violence from Adolescence to Late Adulthood: Research, Evaluation, and the Criminal Justice Response

Application Deadline: January 10, 2006

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is soliciting proposals for research on sexual violence, with the purpose of increasing women’s safety by informing and improving policy and practice in the criminal justice system. Proposed research may address intra-family, stranger, or acquaintance sexual violence against women and/or adolescent girls. For the purposes of this solicitation, sexual violence includes crimes identified by Federal and State statutes for rape, attempted rape, sexual assault, and attempted sexual assault. Intra-family sexual abuse is defined here as any act of sexual violence perpetrated by an individual or individuals with whom a girl or woman shares familial ties (e.g., parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, cousin, step-parent, etc.).”

For more Information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000733.pdf>

Transnational Crime

Application Deadline: January 10, 2006

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) requests proposals to conduct research on transnational crime. Transnational crimes are those that violate the laws and affect the interests of more than one country. NIJ seeks research proposals to develop and analyze information and empirical data having clear implications for criminal justice policy and practice at the Federal, State, or local levels in the following focus areas: trafficking of human beings (including international child abduction), organized crime and corruption, intellectual property theft, Internet and related fraud, smuggling of natural resources and antiquities, drug trafficking, money laundering, and justice system issues that need to be examined to more effectively address transnational crimes.”

For more Information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000736.pdf>

Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP)

Application Deadline: January 13, 2006

“The Department of Homeland Security’s Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) will help provide smaller law enforcement and emergency responder agencies with equipment items that will enhance and support regional response, mutual aid, and interoperability of responder equipment. Equipment available in this phase includes defensive and protective equipment, detection, search and rescue equipment, information sharing and risk assessment software, and interoperable communications technology. Eligible applicants include agencies and departments not currently receiving funding from UASI regions. Agencies and departments in suburban, rural and border areas are encouraged to apply for equipment that will be used to respond through mutual aid and to protect infrastructure in those areas.”

For more information: www.rkb.mipt.org

Justice Responses to Intimate Partner Violence and Stalking

Application Deadline: January 17, 2006

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking proposals to gain research knowledge that will serve to increase victim safety and improve justice system and related responses to intimate partner violence and stalking. Research is sought on predisposition revictimization (victimization that occurs between arrest and case disposition); victim safety and protection; programs and policies to hold offenders accountable; law enforcement, prosecution, and judicial responses; coordinated community responses; and effective responses in diverse communities.”

For more Information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000734.pdf>

Research on Sexual Violence and Violent Behavior in Corrections

Application Deadline: January 19, 2006

“Since the passage of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-7), the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) released three solicitations seeking proposals for quantitative research on prison sexual violence in correctional facilities. Though the objectives of the Prison Rape Elimination Act focus on sexual violence, it is clear that sexual violence occurs within the broader context of violence in correctional institutions. NIJ is seeking proposals that examine sexual violence as it pertains to violent behavior in correctional settings. Successful applicants must demonstrate how the proposed research will advance knowledge, practice, and policy in addressing the topic of sexual violence in corrections.”

For more Information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000735.pdf>

Public Safety Interventions

Application Deadline: February 15, 2006

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking proposals to conduct process and outcome evaluations to improve public safety interventions at the local level. Effective law enforcement and crime prevention programs are critical to ensuring the safety of communities throughout the country. With the limited resources of many police departments, local agencies, and other groups, it is especially important to determine the effectiveness of public safety interventions.”

For more Information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000738.pdf>

Outcome Evaluations of Violence Prevention Programs

Application Deadline: February 24, 2006

“The National Institute of Justice is seeking proposals to conduct systematic and comprehensive evaluations of promising programs with the objective of expanding the list of effective interventions to prevent violence to and by youth. In selecting proposals for funding under this solicitation, priority will be given to evaluations of promising programs and strategies that represent comprehensive or integrated models of intervention, especially those that target very young children.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000732.pdf>

Research and Publications

Seven Steps to Develop and Evaluate Strategies to Reduce Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center

The Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center has developed this guidebook to assist states in evaluating their DMC-related juvenile justice initiatives and incorporate evaluation into program development and planning. The purpose of this guidebook is to help program administrators and juvenile justice personnel find the most effective ways to reduce DMC and conduct evaluations of initiatives and programs.

Access full text at: http://www.jrsa.org/jjec/about/dmc_guidebook.html

Indicators of School Crime and Safety, 2005

Bureau of Justice Statistics

This report presents data on crime and safety at school from the perspectives of students, teachers, principals, and the general population. Crime occurring in school as well as on the way to and from school is examined. Key findings on the nature of crime in schools, school environments, and responses to violence and crime at school are also included.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/iscs05.pdf>

Street Gangs and Interventions: Innovative Problem Solving with Network Analysis

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

This publication assesses, and provides examples of, prevention, intervention, suppression, and comprehensive strategies to address youth gangs. The need for problem analysis and the importance of academic research partners are discussed. A case study is also included.

Access full text at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1616>

Capital Punishment, 2004

Bureau of Justice Statistics

This bulletin provides an overview of the characteristics of persons under sentence of death and of persons executed in 2004. Statistics on executions by States during 2005 are provided. Data is presented on offenders' sex, race, Hispanic origin, education, marital status, age at time of arrest for capital offense, legal status at time of capital offense, methods of execution, trends, and time between imposition of death sentence and execution.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cp04.pdf>

Conferences and Trainings

Disproportionate Minority Contact Reduction: What Works & How You Can Implement It

EOPS is in the process of planning a disproportionate minority contact (DMC) conference for May 2006 and is looking for ideas as we develop the conference agenda. DMC, which refers to the overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system, exists in Massachusetts and across the nation. The purpose of this conference is to help local government and non-governmental agencies that serve youth to implement programs, policies, and initiatives that help to reduce DMC. What do you need to know in order to reduce DMC in your community? How can we make this conference useful for your community coalition, youth-serving agency, local law enforcement department, etc? Please contact Elizabeth Spinney, 617-725-3367, Elizabeth.Spinney@state.ma.us with your comments, advice and suggestions.

American Probation and Parole Association's Winter Training Institute

January 8-11, 2006 in Austin, TX

The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) invites all correctional professionals to attend workshops, network, meet APPA staff, and view and compare the newest correctional products, technologies and services. Workshop topics include: community corrections, evidence-based practices, women on probation, correctional research, technology, juvenile justice, victim services and treatment. For further information: http://www.appa-net.org/institutes/2006_austin/attend/default.htm

OJJDP Videoconference: Youth Gangs

January 11, 2006 at 11am ET

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will air a 2-hour videoconference called "Communities Respond to Youth Gangs in America." The videoconference, which can either be viewed via satellite downlink or the Internet, will feature community programs and strategies that effectively address the problem of youth gangs.

For further information: <http://www.trc.eku.edu/jj>

20th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment

January 23-27, 2006 in San Diego, CA

This conference will bring together professionals in the field of child/family abuse and domestic violence. Best practices and skill building workshops will be offered to those who are seeking the most up-to-date and advanced training. Workshops have been designed for attendees in the following fields: medicine, mental health, interviewing, child welfare, advocacy, law, law enforcement, education, family support, public policy and research.

For further information: http://www.chadwickcenter.org/SDConf_GeneralInfo.htm

In The News

Boston Seeks Federal Aid To Stem Youth-Gun Surge

Boston Globe, November 8, 2005

The Boston Globe reported that half of the 632 people arrested or sought in Boston on illegal gun possession and gun assault charges in the first 10 months of 2005 are 21 or younger. Statistics show that the number of gun arrests and arrest warrants is up 37 percent in Boston this year compared to last year, the number of seized guns up 12 percent, and the number of shootings up 28 percent. Mayor Menino announced a new partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to investigate gun crimes and the recent surge in gun violence.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2005/11/09/youths_gun_use_stirring_alarm/

Boston Plans Improvements in Posting Crime Statistics

Boston Globe, November 15, 2005

According to the Boston Globe, the Boston Police Department will improve its web site which posts crime statistics by neighborhood. The new improved web site will show neighborhood crime data with only a three-day lag time (currently the most recent data on the city's crime website is from July) and residents will also be able to check reported crimes in their area and citywide on computer terminals in district stations.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2005/11/15/city_vows_to_cut_lag_in_posting_crime/

Boston Police to Bear Down On Three Crime Hot Spots

Boston Globe, November 22, 2005

The Boston Globe reported that new statistics on Boston's crime trends clearly show that the city has a number of crime hot spots, including three where there were a total of 22 shootings, five homicides among them, in just six weeks in October and November. The internal summary of serious crime, obtained by the Globe, says that three of the city's most volatile areas are Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan, Egleston Square in Roxbury-Jamaica Plain, and a large section of Lower Roxbury. The Boston Police Department plans to flood problem areas with officers and to work with community groups to try to reduce crime in known hot spots.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2005/11/22/police_target_hot_spots_in_crime_surge/

MA Inmates Spend More Time in Prison to Avoid Parole

Boston Herald, November 23, 2005

According to the Boston Herald, Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey said that prison inmates are choosing to spend more days behind bars rather than face parole officers. Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey is urging legislators to support her bill which would require every released convict to be monitored for at least nine months by parole or probation officials, and mandate participation in a re-entry plan. Healey believes that the bill would help the state's recidivism rate, lead to cost savings across government, and protect the public from likely repeat offenders.

Access full text at: <http://news.bostonherald.com/localPolitics/view.bg?articleid=113545>

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